

Dorchester - 606
St. Paul's ME Church
Harrisville Rd.
Harrisville, MD

1910

Access: Public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Paul's ME Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Harrisville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Harrisville

VICINITY OF

Woolford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

St. Paul's M.E. Church, Trustees
C/O Rev. Wallace L. Greene, Sr.

Telephone #: 673-7537

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 1, Box 14

CITY, TOWN

Preston

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 21655**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dorchester Co. Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: RSM 41

Folio #: 525

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE 1910

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present St. Paul's ME Church is 20' from the west side of Harrisville Road; it faces east. The church is 26' across the front facade and 40' in depth. It has an concrete block addition on the west end that extends the length of the church 15'. This church was built on this site in 1910. The original site of the Chapel was near this location but I have been unable to find it. The building is gabled (east-west) and is reached by three concrete steps that lead to double wooden single-paneled doors. There is an entrance tower 10' in width that has been extended at the top of the doorway so now there is an entrance foyer as wide as the church. The tower is louvered at the belfry and covered with imbricated shingles (wooden) as is the front gable of the church (east). There is a short spire atop the tower covered with composite shingles as is the roof. The church is sided with weatherboard and rests on concrete piers. There are three 1-over-1 clear glass rectangular windows on the north side of the church and three identical windows on the south side. An old schoolhouse is located on the northern end of the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present St. Paul's ME Church was built in 1910 . The congregation dates from 1880 but they have not always been located at the present address. The church was founded by black freedmen (mostly farmers). It is the central fixture in the black community of Harrisville. The old elementary school for black children is still extant on the north side of the site.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

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269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

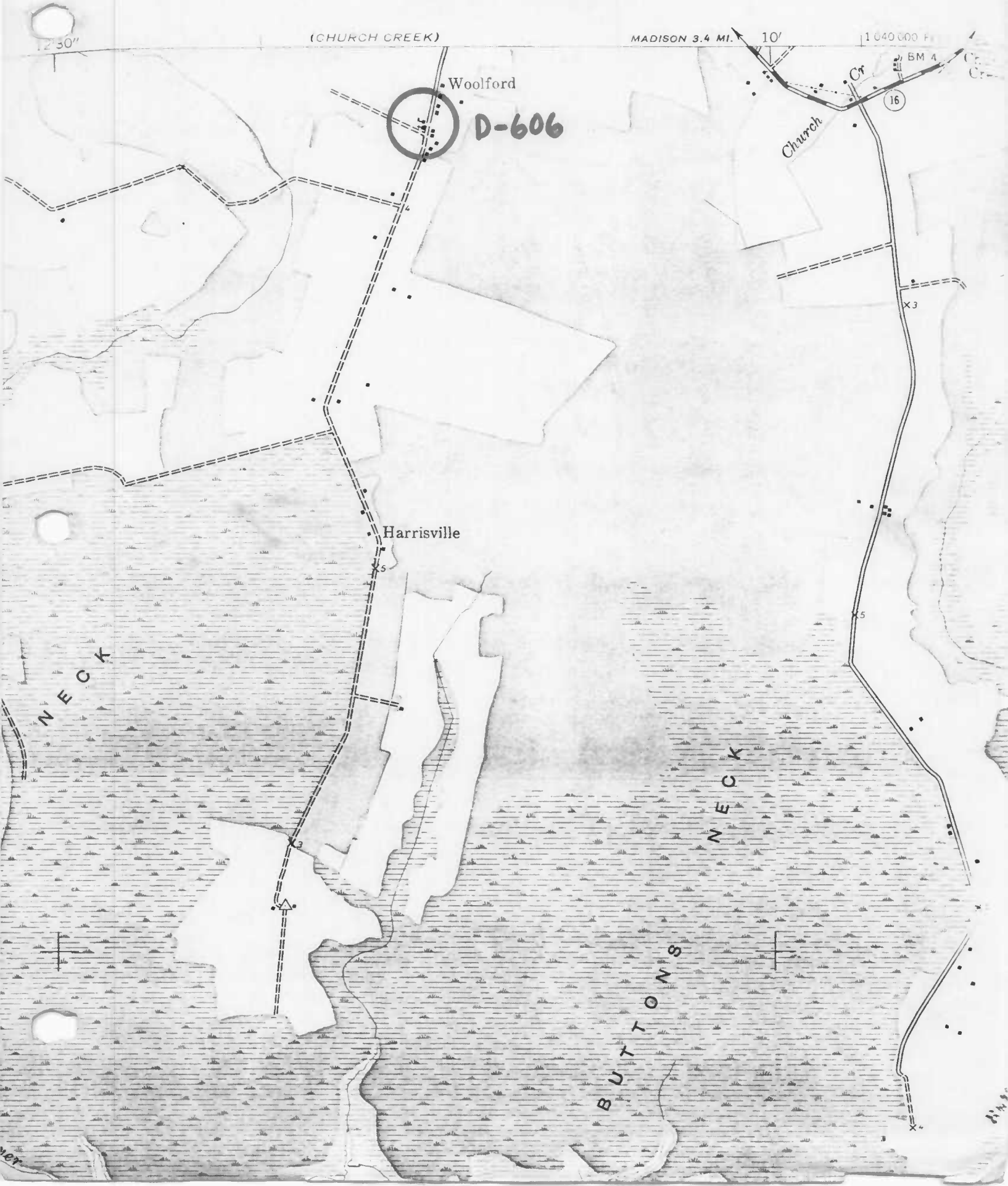
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Southeast elevation
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